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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC: GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH BY
AMBASSADOR YOUNG

1. ATTACHED IS A FIRST DRAFT OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S SPEECH
AT THE 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC. IN CONTRAST TO LAST YEAR'S
COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT, THE PROPOSED DRAFT CONCENTRATES
ON FOUR AREAS: THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW) (OVERVIEW
MECHANISM), RESTRUCTURING, A NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOP-
MENT STRATEGY (IDS) AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THE
REMARKS ON THE IDS ARE INTENDED TO PUT AN INITIAL U.S.
POSITION ON THE TABLE, BEFORE THE G-77 AND OTHERS ADVANCE
TOO FAR DOWN UNWELCOME PATHS IN PREPARATION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY. (NOTE: WORK IS ALREADY UNDERWAY AMONG
THE NON-ALIGNED.) THE TEXT IS RELATIVELY SHORT, AND
HENCE PERMITS ADDITIONAL REMARKS ON THESE AND OTHER

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SUBJECTS IF DEPARTMENT DESIRES.

2. ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAS NOT YET READ THIS TEXT,
HE HAS INDICATED HIS DESIRE THAT SPEECH NOT BE A
CATALOGUE OF U.S. VIEWS ON AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD BASIS.

3. BEGIN TEXT: MR. PRESIDENT, FELLOW DELEGATES: UNLIKE

MANY OTHERS AMONG YOU, I HAVE NOT YET HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF EXPRESSING PERSONALLY BEFORE THE COUNCIL THE SATISFACTION OF MY GOVERNMENT, AND MY OWN PLEASURE, AT THE NOMINATION OF TWO DISTINGUISHED MEN TO POSTS OF KEY IMPORTANCE IN THE UNITED NATION SECRETARIAT. AMBASSADOR KENNETH DADZIE OF GHANA HAS THE PARTICULAR CHALLENGE OF BEING THE FIRST TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT. OUR CONTACTS WITH HIM, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER HIS APPOINTMENT, LEAVE NO DOUBTS AS TO HIS FULL ABILITY TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE, AND TO BE THE STRONG RIGHT ARM OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AREA. MONSIEUR JEAN RIPERT, UNDER-SECRETARY GENERAL AND HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, BRINGS TO US HIS EXPERIENCE AS HEAD OF FRANCE'S PLANNING COMMISSION AND AS AN ACTIVEMEMBER OF THE ECOSOC'S COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING. HIS DYNAMISM AND INTELLECTUAL CAPACITIES HAVE ALREADY IMPRESSED ALL OF US. MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES TO BOTH MEN.

LAST YEAR, I RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE ROLE OF ECOSOC IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DIALOGUE. CLEARLY, THE QUESTION REMAINS A TIMELY ONE. MANY OF OUR COLLEAGUES WILL BE SPENDING MUCH TIME DURING THIS SESSION WRESTLING WITH THIS QUESTION IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR EFFORT TO FIND A CONSENSUS ON HOW TO IMPLEMENT SECTION II OF THE ANNEX LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO RESOLUTION 32/197.

PENDING THE ACTIONS OF THEIR WORK, AND ITS IMPEMEYTATION BEGINNING NEXT YEAR, I BELIEVE ONE COULD DO WORSE THAN TO USE THE GENERAL DEBATE IN THE COUNCIL AS A MEANS OF TAKING STOCK OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND FRUSTRATIONS OF THE PAST YEAR, AND OF EXCHANGING IDEAS AS TO WHERE TO PROCEED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. I SHALL CONCENTRATE MY REMARKS ON FOUR AREAS; THREE OF THESE REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE LAST YEAR: THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND RESTRUCTURING. ONE CONCERS A NEED FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE - REFLECTION ON A NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

MR. PRESIDENT, WHEN THE COUNCIL MET LAST YEAR, THE FINAL MINISTERAL-LEVEL MEETING OF THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION HAS JUST ENDED. TWO MONTHS LATER, THE RESUMED 31ST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HASMET TO ASSESS ITS RESULTS, AND DECIDE ON NEXT STEPS.

THAT SESSION PRODUCED NO AGREED TEXT. THE BACKWARD-LOOKING

ELEMENT OF ITS WORK, AN ATTEMPT AT A COMMON APPRECIATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE PARIS CONFERENCE, TOOK UP MOST OF THE TIME, AND TO NO AVAIL. WITH A YEAR'S HINDSIGHT, HOWEVER, THAT SESSION MAY WELL HAVE A PARTICULAR CLAIM TO BEING REMEMBERED. FOR IT WAS IN THE COURSE OF THAT SESSION THAT A GENERAL AWARENESS AROSE THAT THERE WAS A MISSING ELEMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM. A MECHANISM HAD TO BE DEvised TO BRING SENIOR POLICY-MAKING OFFICIALS TOGETHER, ON A PERIODIC BASIS, TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE WORLD ECONOMY, AND ON UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS AND ISSUES. IT WAS ALSO CLEAR THAT THIS MUST BE DONE WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM.

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THEREAFTER AT THE 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY EACH GOVERNMENT, OR GROUP OF STATES WORKED IN ITS OWN WAY TO FIND A FORMULA TO MEET THIS NEED. BOTH THE DELEGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF JAMAICA, ON BEHALF OF THE G-77, SUBMITTED DRAFT RESOLUTIONS. AFTER A GOOD DEAL OF WORK - CHARACTERIZED THROUGHOUT BY A COMMON DESIRE TO SUCCEED, A FRAMEWORK FOR THE DIALOGUE WAS REACHED IN RESOLUTION 32/174. WE WERE PROUD OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENT. BUT, I SUGGEST THAT FEW OF THE NEGOTIATORS SURMISED THE DEGREE TO WHICH THIS WAS BUT A FIRST STEP, AND THAT THE NEW FLAGSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC

DIALOGUE WOULD BE SAILING IN UNCLEARED WATERS FROM ITS FIRST DAYS. WE ARE FORTUNATE IN HAVING SO SKILLED A HELMSMAN AS MR. IDRIS JAZAIRY OF ALGERIA TO STEER HER.

HOW WAS THE NEW COMMITTEE TO WORK? THE HUMAN REACTION IN NEW SITUATIONS IS TO CLING TO WHAT ONE KNOWS - TO USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OLD MAPS EVEN IN NEW SEAS. IF THE MODEL OF THE PARIS CONFERENCE WAS NOT SEEN AS PARTICULARLY PERTINENT, OTHER FAMILIAR CONCEPTIONS SOON EMERGED. THE CONCEPTION OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BEGAN WITH THE PREMISE THAT THE MANAGEMENT OF THE WORLD ECONOMY HAD INDEED BECOME A CONCERN OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALIKE. FROM THIS CAME THE VIEW, OR AT LEAST THE HOPE, THAT SUCH A PROCESS OF MANAGEMENT COULD IMPLY NOT A "NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE" - ACROSS THE TABLE, BUT A COMMON APPROACH TO COMMON PROBLEMS. THE MODEL WHICH SUGGESTED ITSELF WAS EITHER THE DOMESTIC ONE, OR, ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, THAT OF THE OECD WHICH HAD SO LONG PROVED USEFUL AS A FORUM FOR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS WORKING AMONG DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

THIS APPROACH WAS CLEARLY VISIONARY. SUCH A PATTERN OF COMMON MANAGEMENT WILL BE A PORT OF THAT NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER TOWARDS WHICH WE ARE MOVING.

I BELIEVE IT FAILED, HOWEVER, TO TAKE SUFFICIENTLY INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWPOINT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FOR THEM, AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS HAD ALSO TO LEAD TO CONCRETE RESULTS. IN ISOLATION, THE PREMISE OF "JOINT MANAGEMENT" SEEMED TO IGNORE A GREAT BODY OF PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE THEY MADE. FURTHER, FOLLOWING TRADITIONAL UN PATTERNS MOST FAMILIAR TO THEM, THESE WOULD BE PUT FORWARD AS TEXTS, THE NEGOTIATION OF WHICH WAS TO PROVIDE CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS.

WHEN THE COMMITTEE MET AT ITS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE SESSION IN MAY, BOTH APPROACHES WERE USED. THERE WERE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS IN THE BEGINNING, WHICH WE BELIEVED USEFUL. BY THE TIME UNDER-SECRETARY COOPER AND MANY OF HIS COUNTERPARTS FROM INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES HAD ARRIVED, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE HAD BEGUN AN ARDOUS EFFORT AT DRAFTING A TEXT. THEY HAD LITTLE OCCASION FOR A GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, OR OF NEW IDEAS. A TEXT WAS PRODUCED,

WITH BRACKETS, WHICH PLEASED NO ONE. MOST OF US LEFT WITH THE CONVICTION THAT FURTHER EXPLORATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S MEANS OF OPERATION WAS NECESSARY. MY DELEGATION IS PREPARED TO WORK INFORMALLY TO THAT END DURING THIS SESSION.

I BELIEVE WE CAN SUCCEED IF WE BEAR FOUR REALITIES IN MIND. THE FIRST IS THAT THE OVERRIDING PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO FACILITATE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS. THE SECOND IS THAT SUCH SOLUTIONS SHOULD EVOLVE FROM THE DISCUSSIONS AT A HIGH LEVEL. THESE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE ONE OF PROCESS OF DIALECTIC AND SYNTHESIS, WHICH CAN LEAD TO ORIGINAL SOLUTIONS. THE THIRD, PERHAPS LESS OBVIOUS THAN THE FIRST TWO, IS THAT THE IDEAS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS WHICH ARE SUGGESTED IN THIS DISCUSSION MUST HAVE TIME FOR THOROUGH EXPLORATION WITHIN GOVERNMENTS. IF WE ARE INDEED SEEKING IMPORTANT DECISIONS ON IMPORTANT PROBLEMS, WE CANNOT EXPECT EVEN A MINISTER TO BE ABLE TO COMMIT HIS GOVERNMENT WITHOUT SUCH EXPLORATION. FOURTH, THE END PRODUCT OF THIS PROCESS SHOULD BE CONCRETE NEW PROPOSALS, TO BE PUT FORWARD IN THE APPROPRIATE NEGOTIATING BODIES. THESE SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE COMMITTEE AS EVIDENCE OF ITS EFFECTIVENESS.

WE HAVE GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS TO HOW THESE REALITIES COULD BE REFLECTED IN A PROCESS THAT BEARS THESE REALITIES IN MIND, WHILE MEETING DESIRES, AND RESTRAINTS, ON ALL SIDES. I CAN INDICATE ONE POSSIBLE FORMULA.

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AT THE NEXT, AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, THERE WOULD BE, AS WE HAVE HAD IN MAY, A PERIOD OF EXTENSIVE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS. THE SECRETARIAT WOULD SUPPLY BACKGROUND TEXTS; THERE WOULD BE NO FORMAL NATIONAL OR GROUP POSITION PAPERS EXCEPT FOR INTERNAL USE. THESE DISCUSSIONS TERMINATE WITH AGREEMENT ON A LIST OF SPECIFIC TOPICS OR OPTIONS, WHICH ALL PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS WOULD ENGAGE THEMSELVES TO EXPLORE, WITH A VIEW TO ACTION OR TO THE FORMULATION OF NEW PROPOSALS IN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL FORA. SOME TIME LATER - PERHAPS SIX MONTHS, ALL PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE OBLIGED TO REPORT BACK ON WHAT HAS BEEN DONE - WHICH IDEAS WERE CONSIDERED WHICH PROPOSALS THEY HAVE MADE, OR ARE PREPARED TO MAKE, WHICH NEW SOLUTIONS THEY BELIEVE ARE POSSIBLE. ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD BE CLEARLY NO OBLIGATION TO CHANGE POLICIES ON EVERY ISSUE, THERE WOULD BE AN OBLIGATION FOR REAPPRAISAL. FINALLY, A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAST "OVERVIEW" OF PROGRESS ON AGREED THEMES COULD BE MADE AT THE SPECIAL SESSION AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN 1980.

CLEARLY, THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF SUCH AN APPROACH IS IN MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES. A DELEGATION'S PROPOSALS FOR TOPICS OR OPTIONS FOR REEXAMINATION SHOULD BE BASED ON AREALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF ITS GOVERNMENT'S CAPACITY FOR FLEXIBILITY. WHERE THERE SEEMS LITTLE OR NO PROSPECT FOR MOVEMENT, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO ADMIT IT FROM THE START AND MOVE ON TO MORE PROMISING AREAS.

THIS OBSERVATION ALSO RAISES THE QUESTION OF THE CHOICE OF PRIORITIES AMONG SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION FORSEEN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE. THERE IS CLEARLY A CONSENSUS THAT ALL OF THE MAJOR ISSUES RELATING TO A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER SHOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING THE LIFETIME OF THE COMMITTEE. BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT, AS THE AGENDA FOR EACH MEETING IS CONSIDERED, TO GIVE SOME THOUGHT AS TO WHICH SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION IS LIKELY AT THAT PERIOD IN TIME FOR OFFER THE GREATEST NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE REVIEW OF POSITIONS AND, ABOVE ALL, FOR THE RESOLUTION OF ISSUES.

I NOTE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING CONTAINS NO LESS THAN THREE SUBJECTS, IN ADDITION

TO THE STANDING AGENDING ITEMS. I CANNOT HELP BUT POSE THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THIS IS NOT OVERLY AMBITIOUS FOR A MEETING WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE A RETURN TO THE THEME OF TRANSFER OF RESOURCES AND THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. OF THESE THREE, THE PROBLEM OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SEEM THE MOST PRESSING, AND THE MOST AMENDABLE TO NEW AND ADDITIONAL EFFORTS.

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AS THE REPORT PREPARED FOR THE NEXT MEETING BY THE FAO NOTES, THE LONG-TERM PROBLEM IS THIS AREA REMAIN UNCHANGED; GROWTH IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE HAS FALLEN FAR SHORT OF THE 4 PERCENT ANNUAL RATE ESTABLISHED FOR THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE. I HAVE NOTED WITH PARTICULAR DISMAY THE FACT THAT IN 62 COUNTRIES, REPRESENTING 43 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD, THE GROWTH IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION BETWEEN 1970 AND 1977 HAS NOT EVEN KEPT PACE WITH LEVELS OF POPULATION GROWTH.

MR. PRESIDENT, MY VERY FIRST ADDRESS TO THIS BODY, IN THE SPRING OF LAST YEAR ATTEMPTED TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF HUNGER AND FAMINE. I DID SO BECAUSE OF MY CONVICTION THAT MY OWN COUNTRYMEN, AT LEAST, WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CONCEIVE OF A DISCUSSION OF DEVELOPMENT WHICH IGNORES THE 400 MILLION PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WHO ARE STARVING. IF WE ARE TO GAIN POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THE ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED IN A PROCESS OF STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN THE WORLD ECONOMY, WE CANNOT PUT THESE PEOPLE IN A SECOND PLANE.

THIS IS A HUMAN PROBLEM, BUT IT IS NOT ONLY A HUMANITARIAN CONCERN. ONE MAY ASK THE QUESTION, FOR EXAMPLE, OF HOW A COUNTRY CAN MARSHAL THE FOOD NECESSARY TO FEED A GROWING POPULATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IF EVEN THOSE LIVING ON THE LAND GO HUNGRY. OR, ON THE OTHER HAND, HOW CAN AN AGRICULTURAL COUNTRY PROMOTE DIVERSIFICATION AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IF TRADE BARRIERS PREVENT IT FROM SELLING ITS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE?

MR. PRESIDENT, EVEN THESE BRIEF REMARKS INDICATE THE CENTRALITY OF PROBLEMS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND TRADE. WHILE MY GOVERNMENT IS OF COURSE WILLING TO CONTINUE WITH THE ENTIRE AGENDA AS SET FOR THE SEPTEMBER

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MEETING, WE DO ASK THAT SOME CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO
A CONCENTRATION OF THE PROBLEM OF FOOD.

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MR. PRESIDENT, ONE OF THE QUESTION IN WHICH LAST YEAR'S
GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS UNABLE TO TAKE ACTION WAS THAT OF A
NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. EVEN THE BRIEF
DISCUSSION THAT TOOK PLACE, HOWEVER, REVEALED THE NEED TO
TAKE WHAT WE CALL A ZERO-BASED APPROACH TO THE SUBJECT.
THAT IS, WE SHOULD BEGIN BY ASKING OURSELVES THE MOST
FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS AS TO THE USES, AND THE UTILITY OF A
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. ONE MAY WELL REVIEW THE VALUE OF
THE LAST INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATE-

GY, AND THE ENTIRE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL PROCESS WHICH WENT WITH IT. MY GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SEE THIS AS A MODEL FOR THE NEXT STRATEGY.

SINCE THE ADOPTION OF THE LAST STRATEGY, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS SET ITSELF UPON THE TASK OF ACHIEVING A NEW AND MORE JUST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. IT IS CLEAR THAT ANY NEW STRATEGY MUST REFLECT THIS CONCEPT. BUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOW? SHOULD EVERY ELEMENT ON WHICH DISCUSSION OF A NEW ORDER MUST FOCUS - FROM TRADE TO MONETARY AFFAIRS, FROM THE CONDITIONS OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO SHIPPING - BE REFLECTED IN A NEW STRATEGY AS WELL? IF SO, GIVEN THE DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS WHICH REMAIN IN THESE MANY AREAS, WE ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO AGREE ON A STRATEGY IN THE RELATIVELY SHORT TIME REMAINING.

THIS MIGHT SUGGEST THAT A NEW DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY SHOULD NOT BE SYNONYMOUS WITH ANY PARTICULAR VISION OF THE NIEO, BUT COMPLEMENTARY AND SUPPORTIVE OF THE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS THROUGH WHICH A NEW ORDER WILL BE ATTAINED. IN OTHER WORDS, THE STRATEGY MIGHT ADDRESS ITSELF TO SOME OF THE PROBLEMS, OR LINKAGES, INSIDE THE BROADER CONCEPTS OF THE NIEO. FOR EXAMPLE, GOALS FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION AS SET DOWN ON THE LIMA DECLARATION AND ELSEWHERE PRESUPPOSE A LABOR FORCE PHYSICALLY AND EDUCATIONALLY FIT FOR THE NEW TASKS REQUIRED OF IT; THEY PRESUPPOSE ALSO ADEQUATE FOOD SUPPLIES FOR THIS NEW WORKING POPULATION, AND ADEQUATE MEANS OF BRINGING THESE TO INDUSTRIALIZED AREAS. THE PRESUPPOSE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. MANY OF THE SAME PROBLEMS ARE ENCOUNTERED IN THE EXPANDED DEVELOPMENT OF PRODUCTION OF MINERAL AND INCLUDING ENERGY SOURCES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO FALL BETWEEN THE BOARDS WHILE INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION IS FOCUSED ELSEWHERE.

THESE QUESTIONS, IT IS CLEAR, ARE QUALITATIVE AS MUCH, IF NOT MORE THAN THEY ARE QUANTITATIVE. MY DELEGATION HAS SUBSTANTIAL DOUBTS AS TO THE ADVISIBILITY OF APPLYING A SET OF TARGETS ACROSS THE BOARD AND TO TREATING DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS UNIFORM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GROUPS. THE SETTING OF SUCH TARGETS IS DIFFICULT

EVEN WHEN LEFT TO NATIONAL AUTHORITIES; TO NEGOTIATE THEM
ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS IS ENTER INTO AN EXERCISE WHICH
MAY BEAR LITTLE RELATION TO REALITY.

RATHER, I SUGGEST THAT A STRATEGY MIGHT BETTER CONCENTRATE
ON DESIGNATING PROBLEMS, AND THE EXPLORING THE MEANS
TO SOLVE THEM. BY THE SAME TOKEN, PERIODIC VIEWS OF
PROGRESS WOULD NOT BE ACROMONIOUS EFFECTS AT WELDING
REALITY WITH ABSTRACTION, BUT EXCHANGES OF USEFUL
EXPERIENCES, WHEREBY ONE COUNTRY CAN LEARN FROM ANOTHER.

MR. PRESIDENT, THESE ARE PRELIMINARY RELECTIONS - AND
THERE WILL BE TIME TO CONSIDER THEM IN THE MONTHS TO COME.
WHAT WE WOULD ASK IS THAT ALL CONCERNED WITH A STRATGEGY
PUT AWAY PAST EXAMPLES AND BEGIN WITH THE BASIC QUESTION
OF WHAT FORM OF STRATEGY, IF ANY, CAN SERVE AS REAL
COMPLIMENT, AND SUPPORT, TO THE PROCESS OF ACHIEVING A
NIEO.

MR. PRESIDENT, IN ABOUT ONE YEAR FROM NOW WE WILL BE
ATTENDING THE U.N. CONFERENCE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
FOR DEVELOPMENT IN VIENNA. ECOSOC HAS RECOGNIZED THE
CENTRAL IMPORTANCE OF THE THEME OF THIS CONFERENCE IN
DESIGNATING IT A PRIORITY AREA FOR CONSIDERATION. THIS
STRESS PARALLELS OUR OWN VIEW.

PRESIDENT CARTER, IN HIS REMARKS BEFORE THE CONGRESS OF
VENEZUELA, ON MARCH 29, NOTED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF
THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS
ESSENTIAL TO PROMOTE THEIR SELF-RELIANCE. HE STRESSED OUR
INTENTION TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
A KEY ELEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
AND PLEDGED TO WORK TO THIS END THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS,
AND THROUGH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INSTITUTINS. HE PROPOSED
THE CREATION OF A U.S. FOUNDATION FOR TECHNOLOGICAL
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COOPERATION TO FACILITATE OUR EFFORTS.

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IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT OUR OWN PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE ARE PROGRESSING. WE HOPE, THROUGH OUR NATIONAL PAPER, TO SHARE OUR OWN EXPENSES, BOTH IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE SERIOUS EXAMINATION OF CONCRETE NEEDS AND PROBLEMS WHICH THE PREPARATORY PERIOD HAS SUCCEEDED IN PROMOTING, THROUGH THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PAPERS, AND THE CONSIDERATION AND SELECTION OF ILLUSTRATIVE SUBJECT AREAS. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT FURTHER WORK ON THE CONFERENCE, AND ON THE PLAN OF ACTION WILL BE GROUNDED ON THE FRUITS OF THIS VALUABLE EXPERIENCE. IN THIS WAY, WE CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT THE THEME OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT BE A SUBJECT FOR THE ATTENTION OF TECHNOCRATS, BUT A SOURCE OF IMPROVEMENT IN THE LIVES OF MEN AND WOMEN, AND MEANS TO GREATER SELF-RELIANCE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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FINALLY, SIR, I WOULD RETURN TO WHERE I BEGAN, IN CALLING THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO ACT SPEEDILY IN FOLLOWING UP ON THE HISTORIC STEP THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOOK LAST YEAR IN PASSING RESOLUTION 32/197, ON RESTRUCTURING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE U.N. SYSTEM.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE COURSE OF THIS SESSION OF THE COUNCIL.

THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL HAVE MANY TASKS. THE ONE ON WHICH THE MOST EXCHANGES HAVE ALREADY BEEN HELD IS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHAPTER CONCERNING ECOSOC. MY DELEGATION CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT A SIGNIFICANT REVISION OF THE OPERATING PROCEDURES OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS IS ESSENTIAL IF THE COUNCIL IS TO REGAIN, AND FULLY EXERCISE THE ROLE FORESEEN FOR IT IN THE CHARTER.

THE ECOSOC CAN, AND SHOULD PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN HELPING THE SECOND AND THIRD COMMITTEES TO BETTER RELATE THEIR WORK, AND THEREBY REFLECT THE FUNDAMENTAL FACT THAT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS ARE INSEPARABLE. IN THE 1980'S, A RESTRUCTURED ECOSOC SHOULD ALSO BE READY TO FULFILL THE VERY FIRST OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES LISTED, AS ITEM 1 (A) IN THE REPORT - NAMELY:

- TO SERVE AS THE CENTRAL FORUM FOR THE DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES OF A GLOBAL OR INTERDISCIPLINARY NATURE AND THE FORMULATION OF POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS THEREON ADDRESSED TO MEMBER STATES AND TO THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AS A WHOLE;
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BUT, IF ECOSOC IS PERFORM THESE GENERAL POLICY FUNCTIONS WELL, IT MUST ALSO FIND A WAY OF STREAMLINING ITS ONGOING WORK, DONE BY EXPERT BODIES, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONS. THE DIRECT ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE WORK OF THE LATTER TWO IN SUBJECT-ORIENTED SESSION PROVIDES A MEANS OF DOING SO AND THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THAT PRINCIPLE.

WE ARE STILL NOT SURE, HOWEVER, WHETHER THIS CAN BE CONVERTED TO AGREEMENT ON SPECIFICS. FOR, WHEN SPECIFIC BODIES ARE DISCUSSED, A KIND OF PROTECTIVE INSTINCT EMERGES. THERE IS A FEAR THAT IF THE WORK DONE IN THESE COMMISSIONS IS ASSUMED DIRECTLY BY THE COUNCIL, SOMETHING WILL BE "LOST", THAT THE TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS REPRESENTS A FORM OF DEMOTION. THESE FEAR EXISTS WITHIN ALL GOVERNMENTS, SOMETIMES CONFINED TO CONCERN FOR ONE BODY, SOMETIMES FOR MANY. THE PROBLEM IS THAT IF THESE RESERVATIONS ARE ADDED TOGETHER, THE RESULT CAN ONLY BE THE MAINTENANCE OF THE STATUS QUO. LET US HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT ALL CAN AGREE TO GIVE THE NEW APPROACH A CHANCE. A MEANS FOR ALLOWING SECOND THOUGHTS SEEMS A BETTER WAY OF MEETING LEGITIMATE CONCERNS THAN A CONSENSUS IN THE NEGATIVE. END TEXT.

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- PAGE 1, FIRST PARA OF SPEECH, TITLE SHOULD BE: DIRECTOR
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- PAGE 3, 3RD PARA OF SPEECH SHOULD READ: "PENDING THE
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- PAGE 3, 6TH PARA OF SPEECH: "SAILING IN UNCHARTED
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